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Mr. Fred Craft
U. S. Energy Corporation
877 North Eighth West
Riverton, Wyoming 82501

Re: Road Reclamation Requirements, U. S. Energy Corporation, Velvet Mine, M/037/040, San Juan Countie, Utah

Dear Mr. Craft:

It was good to meet you and Jim Butt at the Velvet Mine on May 29 to discuss reclamation issues. I appreciate your cooperation in working to complete this project.

I received your June 4, 2003, letter and had one concern. The letter says the roads will be lightly ripped. The term "lightly" implies to me that the roads will be ripped or scarified only a few inches deep. The roads should be ripped at least 12-18 inches deep, but 24 inches would be preferred.

Enclosed with this letter is a copy of my inspection report which includes a discussion of our conversations about reclamation practices to be used. Please review it and let me know if you feel there are any inaccuracies.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Baker
Senior Reclamation Biologist

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Enclosure: Inspection Report and Photo Attachment

cc: Ted McDougall, Monticello BLM

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